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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 7027**  
Hiroo IWATA et al. : Attorney Docket No. 2006\_0408A  
Serial No. 10/572,920 : Group Art Unit 1636  
Filed May 5, 2006 : Examiner James S. Ketter

METHOD OF INTRODUCING NUCLEIC  
ACID

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND**  
**REPLY TO SPECIES ELECTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of June 25, 2008, Applicants herein provide the following amendments and remarks:

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED  
TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE  
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